

Appl. No. 10/760,565
Amdt. Dated September 26, 2005
Reply to Office action of June 24, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office action, and amended as necessary to more clearly and particularly describe the subject matter, which applicants regard as the invention.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indicated allowability of claims 7-9, 11, and 13/7-9, 11 if rewritten into independent form. Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended herein to substantially include the limitations of allowable claim 7 and intervening claim 6; and claims 6 and 7 have been cancelled. Claims 2-5 and 8-13 depend from claim 1. Thus, the rejections made to claims 1-3, 6, and 13/1-3, 6 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and the rejections made to claims 4-5, 10, 12, and 13/4-5, 10, 12 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are now moot. Withdrawal of these rejections and allowance of claims 1-5 and 8-13 are respectfully requested.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 36380.

Respectfully submitted,
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